

MINUTES SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, September 14, 2006
SWVMHI Henderson Building ~ Room 106
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leslie Birch, Vice Chairperson
Claudia Duffy
Trudy Combs
Benjamin Plummer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chairperson
Phillip Moser
Peggie Roland

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
George Martin, M.D., Medical Director, SWVMHI
Andra Savage, Director of Psychiatric Services, Ridgeview Pavilion
Gary Burns, Acting Administrator, Keystone Youth of Marion
Nick Brown, Risk Manager, Keystone Youth of Marion
Keith Lowry, Clinical Director, Keystone Youth of Marion
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate
Lisa Berry, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (L.H.R.C.) was called to order by Leslie Birch, Vice Chairperson, at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, September 14, 2006, in the Henderson Building, Room 106, of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2006, meeting.

SWVMHI

The motion was made and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.(4) and (15), for the protection of privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and to review medical records, namely to conduct a review pursuant to the regulations.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session were discussed in the Closed Session.

The following reports, including client-identifying information, were heard and actions taken:

BARRIERS TO DISCHARGE REPORT (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI.

SECLUSION/RESTRAINT REVIEW OF Y-T-D DATA (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of May through August 2006.

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the period of May 11 through August 14, 2006.

INFORMAL/FORMAL COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of the number of informal and formal complaints received at SWVMHI for the period of May 11 – September 14, 2006.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Dr. Cynthia McClaskey updated the Committee on the following issues:

- Anthony Gage was announced as the new Community Services Director.
- Family Day is scheduled to be held September 28 at the facility.
- There is currently one Psychology and one Psychiatry position vacant at the facility. Recruitment is ongoing for these positions.
- Governor Kaine will be visiting the facility on Monday, September 18.

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

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ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Andra Savage provided the Committee with information in regard to an abuse/neglect report which was filed during the period of May through August 2006.

SECLUSION/RESTRAINT REVIEW OF Y-T-D DATA (Closed Session)

Andra Savage reported there were no incidents of seclusion/restraint data for the period of May through August 2006.

INFORMAL/FORMAL COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Andra Savage reported there were no informal or formal complaints during the period of May through August 2006.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES (Open Session)

Andra Savage updated the Committee on the following issues:

- The construction project at Ridgeview Pavilion is now complete.
- Update provided on safety issues surrounding patient falls at BRMC and the psych unit.

KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION

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ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Nick Brown provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the months of May through August 2006.

SECLUSION/RESTRAINT REVIEW OF Y-T-D DATA (Closed Session)

Nick Brown presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of May through August 2006.

INFORMAL/FORMAL COMPLAINTS (Closed Session)

Nick Brown provided the L.H.R.C. with a report of informal and formal complaints received at Keystone Youth of Marion for the months of May through August 2006.

ADMINISTRATOR'S ISSUES

Gary Burns was introduced as the Acting Administrator at Keystone Youth of Marion. He has been serving in this capacity since August 28, 2006; recruitment for a permanent administrator is ongoing. Mr. Burns will provide the LHRC with an update of facility changes and accomplishments that he is currently working on—increased education and training of staff and improvement to current transportation procedures of residents off campus. Mr. Burns also added that the following positions have been filled:

- Nick Brown - Risk Manager
- Robin Gentry - Director of Nursing
- Barbara Jones - Director of Education

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF L.H.R.C. MEMBERS

The State Human Rights Committee (S.H.R.C.) reappointed Claudia Duffy, Deidra Mathena, and Phillip Moser to the SWVMHI L.H.R.C. The S.H.R.C. also approved the appointment of Peggie Roland as the newest member to the Committee.

PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

The proposed *Rules and Regulations To Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services From Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services* are out in **draft** form. The proposed regulations are scheduled to be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on September 18, 2006, and will also be available on the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services website at www.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov. Public comments will be accepted through November 17, 2006. The public hearing in Wytheville will be held at Mt. Rogers Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services located at 770 West Ridge Road from 4-6 P.M. L.H.R.C. members are encouraged to attend

L.H.R.C. SEMINAR

The L.H.R.C. Seminar, which was originally scheduled for this fall, has been postponed indefinitely until finalization of the regulations.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next L.H.R.C. meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 9, 2006**, at 12:00 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building on the grounds of SWVMHI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 P.M.

Chair

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pc: Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director; Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate; Local Human Rights Committee; Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D.; SWVMHI Facility Director; Gary Burns, Acting Administrator, Keystone Youth of Marion; and Andra Savage, Psychiatric Services, Ridgeview Pavilion.